CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method for providing process management services in an enterprise application comprising at least one remote Web service, said method comprising:

registering available process management objects associated with said at least one remote Web service with a process management object server (PMOS) at said enterprise application, said process management objects comprising at least one process management service;

receiving, at said enterprise application, a request for said at least one process management service;

communicating, from said PMOS, said request for said at least one process management service to said process management object; and

returning process management information from said process management object responsive to said request.

2.   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

registering said at least one remote Web service with a proxy service in said enterprise application, wherein said proxy service implements an interface defined according to said enterprise application to enable communication with said at least one remote Web service;

wherein said communicating includes:

receiving, at said proxy service, said request for said at least one process management service; and

interfacing said request with said process management object associated with said at least one remote Web service.

3.   The method of claim 2 further comprising:

exposing, by said enterprise application, said proxy service when access is permitted according to security parameters.

4.   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

generating a log of access to said process management object associated with said at least one remote Web service.

5.   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

encapsulating said process management information in an Extensible Markup Language (XML) file.

6.   The method of claim 1 wherein said communicating includes:

performing a remote procedure call from said PMOS to said process management object associated with said at least one remote Web service.

7.   A system for providing process management resources to an application implementing distributed services comprising:

a controlled run-time environment within said application controlling execution of said distributed services;

a management resource registry for registering distributed process management resources associated with said distributed services; and

a resource interface enabling communication between said application and said distributed process management resources.

8.   The system of claim 7 wherein said resource interface comprises one of:

a proxy service within said application configured to communicate with a predetermined one of said distributed services; and

communication code within said management resource registry for executing a remote procedure call to said distributed services.

9.   The system of claim 7 further comprising:

a process management base for storing process management information received from said distributed process management resources responsive to a request for said process management information.

10.   The system of claim 9 wherein said process management information is stored in an Extensible Markup Language (XML) format.

11.   The system of claim 7 further comprising:

a security application for controlling access to said resource interface.

12.   The system of claim 7 further comprising:

a tracking application for logging accesses to said resource interface.

13.   A computer program product having a computer readable medium with computer program logic recorded thereon, said computer program product comprising:

code for registering available management information objects (MIOs) disposed in one or more remote Web services with a management object server (MOS) in an enterprise application, said MIOs comprising at least one process management service;

code for receiving a request for said at least one process management service at said MOS;

code for communicating said request for said at least one process management service from said MOS to said MIOs; and

code for returning management information to said MOS responsive to said request.

14.   The computer program product of claim 13 further comprising:

code for registering said one or more remote Web services with a proxy service in said enterprise application, wherein said proxy service implements an interface defined according to said enterprise application to enable communication with said one or more remote Web services;

wherein said code for communicating includes:

code for receiving said request for said at least one process management service at said proxy service; and

code for interfacing said request with said MIOs disposed in said one or more remote Web services.

15.   The computer program product of claim 14 further comprising:

code for exposing said proxy service when access is permitted according to security parameters implemented by said enterprise application.

16.   The computer program product of claim 13 further comprising:

code for generating a log of access to said MIOs associated with said one or more remote Web services.

17.   The computer program product of claim 13 further comprising:

code for encapsulating said management information in an Extensible Markup Language (XML) file.

18.   The computer program product of claim 13 wherein said code for communicating includes:

code for performing a remote procedure call from said MOS to said MIOs disposed in one or more remote Web service.